

Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

Claim Status

Claims 1-6 were presented. Claim 3 is amended. Claims 1 and 2 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 3-6 are now pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3-6 are indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 3, which depends directly from claim 1, is rewritten in independent form including all limitations of claim 1. Claims 4-6 depend from claim 3. Accordingly, claims 3-6 are now in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 102


Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by Nakajima (US 7,068,314). In response, claims 1 and 2 are canceled without prejudice.

Conclusion

This application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to resolve any issues that remain after consideration and entry of this amendment. Any fees due with this response may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,
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